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of Metamora, Indiana

**CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF MILTON CURREY
OF METAMORA, INDIANA, SERGEANT IN
COMPANY C, 68TH INDIANA INFANTRY**

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Chattanooga Tennessee Nov. 5th 63

Dear Brother and sister

I again

Dear mi selef to answer your
Welkened letter that com to hand
yesterday I was truly glad to
heare that you was all well
and a geten a long well and
to heare that mi famly was
all well it was the first
letter that I have received from
evey of you sence the first of
last month I dont want
you to think hard of me for
given you sytch or raken in
the other letter I am in good
health and hope those few
lines may finde you all in
good health Well Brother
we are still at Chattanooga
and the rebels is still where
tha was we are on the left
of the armey and are also
at the left poate we are
camped beidle the poate and
we are a garden the poate we
don't do eney picketing now
this poate is calld poate Wood
tha is 14 pieces of artiller and
two of them is seige pieces
32 pounders and the other 12
is twelve pounders as you
perhaps never sone a poate
I will tell you the size of it
the poate covres about 2 achor
of ground and the pites aross not

is twelve feet deep and 20
feet across so it would be
impossible for any man to get
across it it is a splendid ford
but not as good as far as the
water on the right ford Negley
We are still at work at making
rifles pits and preparing for a
battle but I don't think the
rebels will ever attack us here
but if they do it will be death
to them I feel very safe here
behind these works General
Wood says if he had plenty
of ammunition he could shell
the last town of them to death
in five hours but our ammunition
hand very plenty and we had to
save it in case of contact it is
a difficulty to get ammunition
here all of the provision that
we have made serves the battle
has been collected from Stevenson
Alabama which is 60 miles
and it has been a difficulty
to get half a muf to
eat let alone get any ammunition
but now the cakes comes to
Shelbyton and from there
they are botcol within six
miles of here the rest of the
way they are collected we have
a little more plenty of rations
than we did have but I have
had as much as I could eat
since the battle of Chickasawga

I would like for you to have

seen what rashes was expect
to us a day I never new how
little a man could live on and
keepe up on it but I think now
we will have more plenty than
we have had the boyes is in
good helth and in good spirits
we drew rashes this evening
and is all in good
spirits they say that we will
draw half rashes this time
and it chears us up to think
that we will have a little
more to eat this is arrany
day this afternoon we was
at work in the riful pits
you may bed that we dont
work very hard general

William came down this
morning and told us to not
bed our selves that we must
work harder to our rashes
and of course we done so

I thank you Brother for
your good advice that you
give in your letter I am attem
lise to a cristian life as well
as I can I thank my god
for what he has brought to me
thru I no now is the time
for me to live a christians life
which I am a trien to do
may god protect me thru
the dangers that is to come and
that I may live to get home

and meat if you all a game is.

me spares. Well brother I am
glad to hear that the salvoed
is a gone to run where it is it
will make laigness of all kindes
brist. Well Brother we have
bin ministered for four mornin to
pay and I think it woud be
long untill we will Dine
You seed that the corn crop
was very short well corn and
wheat is a good price I think
Well I woud this man was over
and I am in hopes that it will
down be thin with Well I have
give you all the perticklers
as far as I no so I will close

I you seed that you was
tryin to get Ollen to live
as saven as you could that
is wright I hant money but
what you will do your
duty ~~and~~ am glad that
you seed to ~~things~~ as well
as you ~~do~~ I send my best
respects to Ollen and the
childern and Father and
mother and all the rest
of the folkes so no more at
present but remains your
affectiont Brother untill
Deth

Milton Currey
To Ralph Currey
and Incinity Currey

PART OF LETTER MISSING.

and when the boyes gets payed
of I can make from three to five
dollars a day as sellen tobacco and
~~sell~~ ~~not~~ Billman has made 25
Dollars a byen and sellen tobacco
somes. The battle money is very case
with the boyes now now we by the
tobacco by the prinsb and sell it by the
puse I am in good spuite and good
heilth the dyty hant very hard hear
but our rashenes is very shorted
have seen two Dollars ofared for a
crackes then not get them I dont
think that this arney ever was as
short of rashenes as the are now and
have bin I think that we will
get full rashenes in a few dayes
if eney body ever son hard times
we have for the last three months
I would like very well to get
to I com home but when I com
home I want to stay I wouldnt

a sent to com home unless

could get to stay Well it mont
be long until onar time will
be half out the time passes to

very fast hear in the arney

Well dear brother I think that
I have give you the perticklers so
I will close I havant recived but
won letter from eney of you in

the last two monmouths only the

mon that I gote from you

I send mi bes respects to Allen
and the chilidern and Pape and

Mary and all the rest of the family

Write soon and I will do the same

I do no more at present

but remanes your affectiont

Brother until Deat

Milton Surrey
To Ralph Surrey and
Lucivsley Surrey

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